

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHESTER J. CULVER GOVERNOR PATTY JUDGE LT. GOVERNOR

May 9, 2008

The Honorable Michael Mauro Secretary of State State Capitol Building L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2679, an Act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents, providing for related matters and including effective date provisions. House File 2679 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of section 5, subsection 1, paragraph b, of this bill. This paragraph specifies that the Department of Education will allocate 10 full-time equivalent positions to support management of the community college management information system, expansion of the State Board of Education's model core curriculum, development and implementation of strategic educational goals, collection and dissemination of resources related to the human growth and development curriculum, district sharing purposes, and the senior year plus program study.

This language was added to last year's appropriations bill for the Department of Education to correspond with the addition of new staff to perform the above-referenced functions. The Department of Education is currently performing all of the functions identified in the bill and understands that they are responsible to provide staff to support these purposes within the full-time equivalent limit assigned by the legislature. Therefore, this language is unnecessary, and, consistent with efforts to eliminate extraneous bill language, I am unable to approve it.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 2679 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver

Governor

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